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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Smith et al.,

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Examiner: Irene Marx

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks and arguments** begin on page 4 of this document.